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SUBJECT: BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY VISIT TO KENYA

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME'S 4-DAY VISIT TO KENYA RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIVE UK/GOK TALKS BUT NO IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGES. END SUMMARY

1. UK FOR. SEC. DOUGLAS-HOME PAID VISIT TO KENYA FEB. 5-8. ORIGINALLY PLANNED REMAIN THROUGH FEB. 10 BUT SHORTENED STAY DUE IMPENDING ELECTIONS AT HOME.

2. DURING THE VISIT SIR ALEC HAD THREE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH GOK OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRES. KENYATTA, VICE PRES. MOI; FOR. MIN. MUNGAI; AND MIN. FINANCE KIBAKI.

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3. MEETING WITH KENYATTA AND MOI FEB. 7 WAS WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION. PRES. KEMOATTA BEGAN SESSION BY ASKING HMG TO CONVERT 7.5 MILLION POUNDS DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO GRANT AS GOK FINDING REPAYMENT DIFFICULT. DOUGLAS-HOME SAID HE WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY.

4. KENYATTA BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF ARAB OIL AND SAID GOK APPEALS TO ARABS ON PRICE PREFERENCES WERE TO NO AVAIL. VICE PRES. MOI INDICATED GOK QTE MUST BE WARY OF ARABS SINCE THEY ARE SUPPORTING SOMALIA IN TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH KENYA UNQTE. KENYATTA TOLD SIR ALEC SITUATION SERIOUS BUT THAT KENYAN-ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION WOULD BE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST SOMALIA.

5. ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA QUESTION SIR ALEC EXPLAINED US/UK POSITION AS REACTION TO SOVIET BUILDUP. KENYATTA'S ONLY COMMENT WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOVIET BUILDUP AS SEEN IN SOMALIA.

6. ON OTHER MATTERS KENYATTA ASKED DOUGLAS-HOME FOR INCREASED CAPITAL AID, MORE TEACHERS, AND ASSISTANCE TO BUILD A MILITARILY IMPORTANT BRIDGE AT GARISSA. SIR ALEC WAS NON COMMITTAL ON FORMER TWO POINTS BUT FORTHCOMING ON BRIDGE REQUEST.

7. SIR ALEC BRIEFED KENYATTA ON RHODESIAN SITUATION. PRESIDENT'S ONLY MEANINGFUL REMARK WAS THAT WHEN NKOMO AND SITHOLE ARE RELEASED FROM JAIL PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS COULD START WITH SMITH REGIME. KENYATTA SAID HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE SMITH TYPE OF COLONIAL PROVED NEGOTIATION POSSIBLE.

8. SIR ALEC FINALLY ASKED KENYATTA ABOUT CONDITION OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. KENYATTA SAID HE DOING ALL POSSIBLE HOLD EAC TOGETHER BUT VERY DIFFICULT WORKING WITH GENERAL AMIN. DOUGLAS-HOME ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULTIES IN THAT AREA AND SAID PERHAPS TIME TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH AMIN HAS ARRIVED.

9. DOUGLAS-HOME MEETINGS WITH MUNGAI AND KIBAKI COVERED SAME SUBJECTS. MUNGAI REMARKED HE UNDERSTOOD US/UK MOVE ON DIEGO GARCIA BUT WISHED US AND USSR WOULD SIMPLIFY PROBLEM BY SUBSCRIBING TO ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL.

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10. ACCORDING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION NO OTHER MAJOR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT.
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